

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 18 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, thus claims 6-10, 14-17 and 22-29 are pending and under consideration. Claim 9 has been amended to improve form. No new matter is included in this amendment.

Allowable Subject Matter:

At page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claims 6-10, 14-17 and 22-29 are allowed.

The Rejection:

At page 2 of the Office Action, claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,778,473 to Tomita et al. Claim 18 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, thus the rejection of claim 18 is moot.

Conclusion:

It is respectfully requested that this amendment be entered. The amendment cancels all rejected claims.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

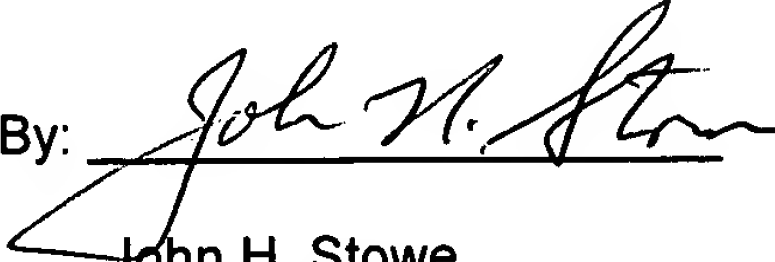
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 503333.

Respectfully submitted,

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